

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is requested. Claims 1 through 11 remain in this case, claims 1 and 8 being amended and claims 12-13 are being added by this response.

The title is changed.

The claim for priority date of the Provisional application is inserted in first paragraph of page 1.

Claims 1 and 8 are amended. Claims 12-13 are newly added. The supports to the amendment are on page 13, lines 16-20. No new matter is added.

Conclusion

Applicant believes the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

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